GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:443
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2007
DRAFT PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether no consensus has been arrived at over the Draft Pharmaceutical Policy as reported in the `Times of India` dated April 10, 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government to resolve the differences over the prices of drugs?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c> OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.443 FOR ANSWER ON 7-5-2007 ON THE SUBJECT OF DRAFT PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY.

The Cabinet Note on proposed National Pharmaceuticals Policy, 2006 along with views of various Departments was placed before the Cabinet for its consideration/approval. The Cabinet considered the Policy in its meeting held on 11th January, 2007. It was decided that the matter, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM). The GOM has since been constituted. The First meeting of the GOM was held on 10.4.2007. The GOM after detailed discussions on various aspects of the Policy would make its recommendations to the Cabinet.